Non-payment of dues affecting PDS system in the capital

900. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a whether the tussle between the Department of Civil Supplies and Food Corporation of India on the issue of non-payment of certain dues is going to affect the PDS system in the National Capital;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government is not properly supplying items to the State Government for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take to streamline the PDS system in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Though there are some disputed claims which are yet to be settled between the Civil Supplies Department (Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi) and the Food Corporation of India, these are not going to affect the Public Distribution System in Delhi.

(c) No, Sir. Central Government is properly supplying Public Distribution System articles to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

(d) Does not arise.

Losses of FCI

901. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Observer' of 18th July, 1994 regarding operations of the Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) the losses FCI has been incurring for the last three years, total as well as the major cost-centre wise, and the steps taken to minimise the same;

(c) the extent of damage of foodgrains during the last three years, separately on account of lack of storage capacity, transportation, pilferage and the storage losses; and

(d) annual storage and carrying costs (separately) per tonne of rice and wheat during the last three years and the steps taken to bring these down?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the total transit and storage losses incurred by Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years are as under:—

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Value in Rs. Crores

Year	Transit Loss		Storage Loss		Total Loss	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1991-92	4.12	146.53	1.78	73.17	5.90	219.70
1992-93	3.48	149.73	1.54	73.60	5.02	223.33
1993-94	2.61	126.26	1.56	87.94	4.17	214.20